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Selectmen hear from labor counsel

By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

BARRE – Labor counsel, Fred Dupere, gave his opinion on employee vacation time during a remote meeting May 4.

He said if employees were told that they could not use vacation time they must be given credit for vacation time. If the policy allowed for rolling over vacation time to the next fiscal year, then the employee must be given the opportunity to do that. If the policy did not allow for a rollover, credit for those vacation days must be given by June 30. Any policy with unions would need negotiation with the bargaining agent.

Dupere said many towns were rolling over vacation time to next year as a one time situation. He said not many municipalities were paying out. Selectman Greg O’Sullivan said he did not want the board to take away vacation time. Selectman chair Matthew Urban said it might be less expensive to pay out for vacations rather than to pay someone overtime at time and a half to cover vacation shifts.

Attorney Dupere said the board had to decide what it wanted to do and then contact the bargaining unit. He said in a typical situation the department head would go to union personnel.

Urban said any employee that can take vacation should take it now. Only those employees that were told they could not take vacation such as police, fire and possibly DPW, should have vacation rolled over or compensated by June

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Fitness trail brings the gym



This sign marks the beginning of the Gilbertville Fitness Trail.

By Paula Ouimette
Staff correspondent

GILBERTVILLE — The temporary closure of gyms and other fitness facilities has inspired many people to create their own home gyms, or head to the outdoors. The village of Gilbertville has a unique outdoor fitness experience that gives people the best of both.

The Gilbertville Fitness Trail opened to the public in October of 2014. Through a partnership with East Quabbin Land Trust, Baystate Mary Lane Hospital and the Town of Hardwick’s Conservation Commission, the trail was created to help improve the health and fitness of the community.

The trailhead is easy to locate, thanks to its brightly colored blue and yellow gate, and large sign. The entrance is next to the New Furnace Landing,



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This sign shows exercises people can do while hiking the trail.

where there is a small parking area and gazebo overlooking the Ware River. Hardwick House of Pizza, 76 Main Street, is across the street.

The Gilbertville Fitness

Trail follows the river before it connects to a half-mile section of rail trail, featuring 10 fitness stations. The fitness sta-

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Town property okayed for signs to honor graduates

By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

HUBBARDSTON – Selectmen gave approval to use town property for signs honoring this year’s high school and college graduates from town. The signs will be displayed on school and library property. The board also okayed the placing of a banner across Main Street. Forty-seven students from Hubbardston are graduating high school this year. The board of selectmen have final approval of the signs and banner.

Town meeting

Town administrator Ryan McLane discussed options for town meeting this year. He said one option would be to hold the Annual Town Meeting outside at Curtis Recreation Field. Another choice would be to put off the town meeting to a later date. If the meet-

ing were held after June 30, the town would go to a 1/12 budget. He said the decision on town meeting would need to be made within the next two weeks.

Selectman chair Dan Galante said the town meeting could be moved from the first week of June to the end of June before going to 1/12 budget. McLane said in two weeks there would be more information. He also said who knows what the level of participation would be in town meeting in this situation. Chair Galante said inclement weather would be an issue.

Warrant

The town administrator went over the town meeting warrant as the warrant closed April 27. He said it included many standard articles and was a small warrant.

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Oakham town election has reduced poll hours

By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

OAKHAM – The Oakham Board of Selectmen voted to sign the warrant for the annual town election on Monday, May 18. Poll hours will be noon-4 p.m. instead of the usual hours of 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Cable Access Committee

Selectmen voted to form a Cable Access Committee. Several residents not served by cable access contacted selectmen about the situation especially in light of so many working remotely from home. Resident Jessica Buzzell, a resident who does not have cable access, said remote learning puts

students without Internet access at a disadvantage. She said Internet service was also needed to work from home.

Selectman chair Steve Labarre said Oakham has sections of town with no cable. The town signed a 10-year contract in 2014 with Charter Communications. The contract had no provisions for providing service to the not served areas of town. He recommended forming a Cable Access Committee especially in this pandemic with the need for home Internet access. He said he thought [a committee] was a “good idea” and the no service provision should be rectified before

See OAKHAM, page 6

Barre Food Pantry holds distributions May 13 and 21

BARRE — The next two Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Wednesday, May 13, from 10 a.m. to noon and on Thursday, May 21 from 5:30-7 p.m.

The Barre Food Pantry wants to continue to fulfill its mission to get food to hungry and food insecure clients. The pantry must also continue to protect clients, volunteers and the larger community from the catastrophic spread of the novel COVID-19 to which no one has immunity. Many clients and volunteers are classified as high-risk due to their age and/or underlying health conditions.

As in the last three distributions, in order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients, May 13 and 21 will again be “drive-through” style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church.

They will remain in their cars. They’ll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicles by volunteers.

Based on the success of the late March and April distributions, the Food Pantry volunteers believe this “drive-through” style is the safest possible way to get food to clients and to help keep everyone well.

Usually Pantry volunteers and clients are able to greet each other with a smile.

With all the volunteers and many clients now wearing masks in public, the volunteers encourage everyone to wear a mask of some kind and hope everyone will still hear the smiles in their voices.

While the pantry typically has had an “all hands on deck” approach to welcoming volunteers, on May 13 and 21 they will once again be working with just a very small crew.

They are preparing for the distribution by only working in shifts at the pantry, in small household/family groups.

Please do not arrive to volunteer on May 13 or 21 without contacting Chuck Radlo first at 978-355-6463.

The pantry sincerely appreciates all the volunteers who have stayed home; this is not easy for our dedicated volunteers to do.

See FOOD PANTRY, page 6

Foster families help care for newborn kittens

EAST BROOKFIELD – Some very lucky families have found a great way to spend their time during the current stay-at-home advisory - helping to care for newborn kittens for Second Chance Animal Services. Right now, Second Chance has four litters of kittens in their care and they are grateful to their volunteer fosters, who are providing round the clock care for these helpless babies.

Fosters follow many of the steps of the lifesaving kitten protocol, which was developed by Second Chance to help save the lives of prematurely born kittens, including weighing the kittens twice a day to ensure they are receiving the proper amount of nutrition. The protocol was published last year to help increase the odds of survival for premature kittens through animal welfare organizations across the country.

Second Chance has so many kittens in foster right now that they dedicated their weekly Wish List Wednesday Facebook post to the kittens in hopes of receiving more kitchen scales to help fosters track each kitten’s weight. Second Chance



Five-year-old Lila holds Cheebie, one of two kittens her family is fostering.

shared a video of a foster kitten nicknamed Mitten being brushed with a toothbrush. The toothbrush feels like a mother’s tongue for the kitten

Mitten and his sibling are getting extra attention from



Two-year-old Callen cuddles Mitten, a kitten his family is fostering.

the whole family. Five-year-old Lila asks her mom to bring home foster kittens and likes to help feed and bathe them daily.

See FOSTER FAMILIES, page 6

Templeton Veteran’s Services host Food4Vets

BALDWINVILLE – The Baldwinville Legion Post 373 with the support of Massachusetts Military Support Foundation will be opening an empowerment center in Baldwinville.

Veterans are required to complete a form by going to https://clearpathnewengland.formstack.com/forms/food_supply_request_mmsf_baldwinville. They will be provided with a time and pick-up procedures in a confirmation email.

Pickup will be behind the Baldwinville Legion at 3 Central St., Baldwinville Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Boxes contain non-perishable food supplies, which should be sufficient to cover meals for 10-14 days for two adults.

For more information, veterans may contact NEC Jim Brehio at brehio131@gmail.com.



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The following people counted turtles in the April 30 Barre Gazette.

Barbara Kempski counted 0 turtles.

James and Lizzie Laramée counted 0 turtles.

There were 0 turtles in the edition.

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Sign shows support for Quabbin seniors



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This sign on the front lawn of Quabbin Regional High School in Barre congratulates the 2020 Quabbin High seniors.

Postponements and cancellations due to the coronavirus pandemic

MOC CFCE temporarily suspended playgroups and other family events until at least May 18 Governor Baker declared a state of emergency hoping to contain the spread of the coronavirus across the Commonwealth. The Parent Child Plus program will continue to operate with your Early Learning Specialist continuing to visit with enrolled.

Massachusetts 4-H programs, activities and club meeting are cancelled until further notice. This includes advisory councils, fair boards, horse advisories and events. Groups are allowed to meet virtually.

Oakham Congregational Church will not hold Sunday worship service through May 17.

Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., Hubbardston is closed until at least Tuesday, May 18. The eggs will still be available Thursdays at the same time and produce will still be available Wednesdays and Fridays with pickup u outside. People may call the senior center at 978-928-1400, extension 211 with any questions.

The Gardner Museum, following recommendations from local and state health officials and American Alliance of Museums guidelines in response to ongoing COVID-19 prevention measures, will be closed to the public effective immediately until at least May 18.

Stage on Main, 17 South Main St., Orange has suspended all events until at least May 18 as a precaution against COVID-19.

Fobes Memorial Library in

Oakham will be closed to the public until at least May 18. Library staff will be available to answer calls and assist with digital resources.

All Barre Town Buildings will be closed at least until May 18 to the public, except by appointment and include the Henry Woods Building, Woods Memorial Library, the Council on Aging (senior center), old Town Hall, the public safety building, fire stations and DPW. Please call an office before visiting in many cases staff is able to assist over the phone or by mail. Meals on Wheels program and wellness checks for seniors will continue.

The town of Hubbardston is closing all town buildings to the public until at least May 18. Offices will continue to provide services of the government to residents. The closure will result in the delivery of services remotely. All public safety operations will continue.

The Haston Free Public Library in North Brookfield library trustees decided to close the library effective immediately until at least May 18. Library staff will be on site for short periods Monday through Thursday to collect mail and respond to phone messages.

East Quabbin Land Trust postponed its 19th annual dinner and silent auction to Saturday, Sept. 19.

The Asparagus Festival scheduled for Saturday, May 16 on West Brookfield Common has been cancelled for this year. It will return in May 2021.

EQLT rescheduled its accessible trail workday to June 21.

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) announced that the opening of shoreline fishing has been postponed until Saturday, May 9. Boat launch areas at these properties will also open May 9. At this time, the Quabbin Visitor's Center is closed to the public, though the property is accessible. Those accessing the property are reminded that vehicles must exit at the posted time.

The Grandview Tenants Association has changed their annual raffle and bazaar from the beginning of June to the beginning of October this year.

Theatre at the Mount's (TAM) announced events likely to be cancelled are: "Honky Tonk Angels" performances (June). At this time, "Newsies" auditions (May) and Summer Drama Camp programs (July) may happen. For questions about tickets, people may contact box-office@mwcc.mass.edu. For other issues and concerns, please contact Professor Gail Steele at g_steele@mwcc.mass.edu.

Tri-Parish Community Church 2020 Plant, Bake, Tag, and Craft Sale originally scheduled for May 30 and 31 has been cancelled for this year. The annual event will be back the first weekend in June 2021.

Because the safety of auxiliary members is the major concern, all American Legion Post 2Auxiliary functions have been cancelled until further notice. Members will be kept informed as to when meetings will resume.



Round Town

Ellenor Downer

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American Legion Auxiliary Unit 2 cancels meetings

Because the safety of auxiliary members is the major concern, all American Legion Auxiliary Unit 2 functions have been cancelled until further notice. Members will be kept informed as to when meetings will resume. The auxiliary wishes everyone a safe and healthy summer.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels can help people over the age of 60 with home delivery of a hot meal. They should call Elder Services of Worcester at 508-756-1454 and ask for the nutrition program. Once set up, a volunteer will drop off a meal to their home.

Town election June 23

The Barre Board of Selectmen voted to hold the annual town election Tuesday, June 23 at its April 21 meeting. Both precincts will be open and polling hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

QRSD meal distribution days

The Quabbin Regional School District Food Service Department is distributing breakfast and lunch for all students in the district, age 18 and under. People do not have to attend a Quabbin school to participate. Distribution takes place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday while school is closed. Grab & Go breakfast and lunch will be distributed from 7 to 10 a.m. at the Hardwick Elementary School and the Quabbin Middle and High School. Distribution will continue during April vacation. If parents have difficulty with transportation for food pickup, they may contact the Central Office at 978-355-4668 or email schoolmeals@qrsd.org.

SNAP assistance

Anyone recently laid off due to the coronavirus may call Eileen Clarkson, HS-BCP, CDP, MS, MPA, director of the Barre Senior Center at 774-764-8702 for assistance in applying for the USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Grandparents support group hosts Zoom meeting May 14

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren is inviting caregivers to a scheduled Zoom meeting on Thursday, May 14 at 2 p.m. The Zoom meeting ID is 818 7045 9562 and the password is 077427.

Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of May 11.

Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

Note: All meal sites are closed, Meals on Wheels delivery only.

MON. – Philly cheese steak, steak cut potato wedges, green beans, dessert item, sandwich roll

TUES. – Marinated pork loin, cranberry stuffing, honey glazed carrots, fruit, whole wheat bread

WED. – Meatballs with onion gravy, gemelli pasta, country blend vegetables, fruit, French bread

THURS. – BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, Scandinavian vegetables, fruit, marble rye bread

FRI. – Potato crunch fish, potatoes au gratin, mixed vegetables, tartar sauce, dessert item, Italian bread

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Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

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Selectmen extend scholarship deadline

The Hubbardston Board of Selectmen extended the deadline for the Country Hen Scholarship to Saturday, May 14 to give Hubbardston residents more time to submit their applications. For more information, people may visit the scholarship website.

Memorial Day parade cancelled

The Memorial Day Parade Committee announces the cancellation of the annual Memorial Day parade this year due COVID-19. Although there will be no parade, those that lost their lives during wars will be remembered with a small group of participants and maybe a video of the ceremony.

Nomination papers

The deadline for nomination papers has been extended to Tuesday, May 12 due to the postponement of the annual town election from Tuesday, June 9 to June 30.

Council on Aging

Due to COVID-19 virus the town wide yard sale will be moved up to September. The Council on Aging will start taking donations for town wide yard sale as soon as the danger of COVID-19 is over. Egg delivery day changes Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., Hubbardston is closed until at least May 18. The day for egg delivery changed to Fridays from 8 to 11 a.m. and produce will still be available Wednesdays and Fridays with pickup outside. People may call the senior center at 978-928-1400, extension 211 with any questions.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Note: All meetings are closed to the public and will be held remotely.

BARRE

Barre Housing Authority – May 7 at 3 p.m.
Board of Health – May 11 at 5 p.m.
Water Commission – May 11 at 6:30 p.m.
DPW Commission – May 11 at 7 p.m.
Conservation Committee – May 12 at 7 p.m.
Library Trustees – May 13 at 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission – May 21 at 7 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – May 28 at 11 a.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – June 9 at 7 p.m.
Annual Town Meeting – June 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Annual Town Election – June 23 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

HARDWICK

Cemetery Commissioners – May 7 at 6:15 p.m.
Paige Library Trustees – May 7 at 7 p.m.
Board of Selectmen – May 11, May 26, June 8 and June 22, July 6 and July 20 at 6:30 p.m.
Gilbertville-Wheelwright Sewer Commissioners – May 11 and June 8 at 5:30 p.m. and July 6 at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board – May 12 at 6:30 p.m.
Council on Aging – May 14 at 9:30 a.m.
Conservation Commission – May 19 at 6:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Library Trustees – May 7 at 7 p.m.
Board of Selectmen – May 11 and May 26 at 6:30 p.m.
Open Space Committee – May 26 at 7 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Board of Health – May 7 and May 21 at 7 p.m.
Nichewaug Inn and Academy Committee 2020 – May 11 at 6:30 p.m.
Selectboard – May 12 at 6 p.m.
Advisory Finance Committee – May 12 at 7:30 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – May 14 at 7 p.m.
Council on Aging – May 18 at 10 a.m.
Petersham Historic District – May 21 at 7 p.m.
Planning Board – May 28 at 7 p.m.

RUTLAND

Annual Town Election – May 11

Theatre at the Mount announces updates

GARDNER — During these difficult times Theatre at the Mount's primary concern is the health and well being of their performers, staff and loyal patrons. They are monitoring the guidelines and directives provided by Governor Baker and are making decisions about their productions one show at a time. "Honky Tonk Angels" (June) has been officially cancelled and they will make a decision about their August production of "Newsies" by around May 18. It is too early to predict what will happen with the rest of the season but they hope to resume normal operations as soon as it is safely possible.



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North Brookfield

Lawrence Scalise hired as vice president/commercial lender

NORTH BROOKFIELD – North Brookfield Savings Bank announces the hire of Lawrence Scalise as vice president/commercial lender within the Business Center.

"We are so pleased to announce Lawrence joining the Bank's Business Center Team," said North Brookfield Savings Bank President and CEO Donna Boulanger. "With his previous experience and his proven commitment to community, I am confident that he will be a great asset to NBSB, helping the bank to continue to offer our business customers a positive and personal business lending experience."

Lawrence Scalise of Springfield, joins the Business Center at NBSB team located at the Business Center, 40 East Main St., in Ware.

In his role as vice president/commercial lender his responsibilities are actively participating in NBSB's ongoing business development program by connecting with prospective and existing clients, to nurture ongoing relationships for lending and/or deposit services, and to evaluate prospective loan requests.

In addition, he will review customer's financial, credit and collateral information to determine viability of the loan request and the appropriate loan structure.

Scalise most recently served as small business banker/relationship manager for Key Bank where he performed such duties as analysis of companies and all types of commercial loans and lending relationships, as well as managing his book of business while offering excellent service.

Scalise has a Bachelor of Science in management and finance from UMass Dartmouth. He currently serves as the commercial lender for his Business Network International (BNI) group. He also serves on the membership committee of his BNI group and is the coach for local youth baseball and youth hockey teams.

"I am happy to join North Brookfield Savings Bank and work with their impressive team of banking professionals,"



Lawrence Scalise

said vice president/commercial lender, Lawrence Scalise. "I look forward to combining my skills in account management and new business development to contribute to the ongoing growth of North Brookfield Savings Bank's Business Center and to be able to bring their community feel and personal approach to all of our business customers."

Lawrence Scalise, vice president/commercial lender, NMLS ID# #1624912 can be reached directly by calling 508-637-7503 or by emailing LScalise@BankNBSB.com. For more information, people may contact the North Brookfield Savings Bank Business Center at 508-637-7500 or visit NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com.

North Brookfield Savings Bank is a mutual savings bank with full-service branches in North Brookfield, East Brookfield, West Brookfield, Ware, Belchertown, Palmer and Three Rivers Village of Palmer.

MFBBF reminds consumers to buy locally

MARLBOROUGH – As social distancing has become an important step towards keeping families healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic, many consumers have made changes to cooking at home. As May is fondly known as beef month, the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation (MFBBF) would like to remind consumers to purchase their beef locally.

"The 2017 USDA Census of Agriculture indicates that are 879 beef cattle operations in Massachusetts with 6,920 head," said MFBBF president Mark Amato. "And this product is available to consumers as farmers adapt their businesses for social distancing and take

measures to ensure the safety of consumers and their employees."

Many farmers have created new ways to purchase directly from them including curbside pick up or home delivery. People should be sure to check farm websites or contact them directly to see about the best option and if their hours have changed.

"It is remarkable to see how the farming community has risen to the occasion and is working to provide consumers with local food while keeping everyone as safe as possible," Amato said. "The creative solutions we have seen to COVID-19 and keeping the local food supply accessible has been impressive."

White Pond challenge benefits Athol Hospital

In very early April, around the second week of self-quarantine, White Pond (South Athol) residents Michelle Haddock and her brother Craig Johnson were bored and decided to take an early swim, a White Pond Polar Plunge. They then challenged their neighbors, Chris and Liz Day and their daughter, Maggie, to take a swim. On the White Pond Facebook page, they challenged Gary and Nailil Martinelli, from across the Pond.

Gary Martinelli challenged Mark White, whose wife Cindy White is a nurse at Athol Hospital. At that point, on April 7, Pond resident Barry Whitehouse stepped in, asking Pond residents to turn the Polar challenge into something meaningful, to recognize Mark White's wife Cindy and all the

other local heroes working in the hospital, by pledging to donate \$25 to Athol Hospital for each plunge, up to \$200. Barry suggested the pledged money be used by the hospital for Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). His pledge was immediately matched by others and more and more White Ponders took up the challenge to plunge and/or pledge.

Almost immediately over \$2,000 in pledge money was sent to the Athol Hospital Covid 19 fund, care of Heywood Hospital. When Whitehouse was challenged himself, he took the plunge and then challenged Win Brown, president of Heywood Hospital, who accepted the challenge. Friends and relatives of White Ponders from Florida to Maine have accepted the challenge. One White

Pond resident, Bill Cantrell, was in Maine at the time and took the plunge down a snowy slope because the ponds in Maine were still frozen. Several residents of Nearby Packard Heights have accepted the challenge and organized a group plunge there, keeping social distance, of course.

White Pond resident Jenny Roche has compiled a video of many of the plungers, and posted it on the White Pond web site. Many residents have also posted it on their own Facebook pages and the video was sent to Heywood Hospital. Checks can be made out to Athol Hospital, memo line COVID PPE/ In Honor of Cindy White and sent to Heywood Hospital Office of Philanthropy, 242 Green St., Gardner, MA 01441.

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Polls open May 18 noon-4 p.m.

The annual town election will be held Monday, May 18. Poll hours will be noon-4 p.m. instead of the usual 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. for annual town elections. The poll is located in the voting room at the Oakham Town Hall.

Oakham Congregational Church

The Oakham Congregational Church will not hold Sunday worship services through the month of Sunday, May 10 and 17 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Town hall

The Oakham Town Hall is closed to the public until at least May 18. All public meetings will be physically closed to the public. The Oakham Police Department and Fire Department will always respond immediately to all 911 emergencies.

Fobes Memorial Library

The Fobes Memorial Library will be closed to the public through at least May 18 at which time the situation will be re-assessed. Library staff will be available to answer calls and assist with digital resources.

Clean Water Trust approves school water improvement grants

BOSTON — On Wednesday, April 29, the Board of Trustees for the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the Trust) approved the first round of grants totaling \$675,000 to 32 school districts for the Trust's School Water Improvement Grant (SWIG) program.

SWIG, a grant-based program, will cover the purchase and installation of filtered water bottle filling stations to address detections of lead in drinking water at eligible public schools. This program is designed to encourage communities to perform lead testing and address elevated levels with the help of state experts.

"As Chair of the Clean Water Trust, I am happy that we are moving forward with our first round of applicants," said State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg. "This is critical work for many communities and I appreciate the commitment of everyone involved to protect the health and safety of our children."

The Trust's SWIG program, funded through a \$5 million appropriation filed by Governor Baker and approved by the legislature, will provide grants to the following school districts that have participated in the Commonwealth's lead testing program or other comparable testing for drinking water fixtures.

"Protecting the health and safety of students at Massachusetts' schools is a critical priority, and the Baker-Polito Administration is proud to work with the Clean Water Trust to support the installation of water filtration technology at more than 30 school districts across the Commonwealth," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. "As we continue to build on efforts to test for lead in school drinking water, this program provides a needed resource for school systems to address water quality and safety issues."

"Congratulations to these schools who have taken advantage of this funding to improve water quality" said Martin Suuberg, Commissioner of MassDEP. "This program is part of our continued efforts to encourage testing for and addressing lead and copper in schools and child-care facilities."

Local school districts approved for grants include: Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School District, 1 fixture, \$3,000 grant and Wachusett Regional School District, 24 fixtures, \$72,000 grant

The \$675,000 is expected to install 225 fixtures in 95 schools, serving over 53,000 students in the Commonwealth. These filtered fixtures will be used to reduce the lead levels in school drinking water. Grant awards were calculated based on a per fixture award of \$3,000. Award funds may be used for the purchase and installation of bottle filling stations, the future testing of these fixtures and the purchase of replacement filters.

Under current federal and state laws, lead testing in schools is voluntary. Water supplied to schools is generally free of lead, but lead can be introduced into drinking water through plumbing and fixtures in buildings – especially in older facilities.

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HISTORY MATTERS

Assessment shows history deficit in nation’s classrooms looms large

WASHINGTON, D.C. – What happened? Six years ago, the results of the National Assessment of Educational Progress revealed an impressive improvement in knowledge about American history, among elementary and middle-school students, but now, the 2018 tests, released last week, reveal that the apparent gain has slid to 1994 levels.

The Nation’s Report Card, as the assessment is known, shows that eighth graders’ awareness of key data crashed; between 2014 and 2018 their scores fell four points, from 267 to 263, out of a maximum 500.

“Considering the fact that 2014’s report seemed to offer hope, and the trajectory was rising, the four-point decrease was a surprise,” according to education advocate, David Bruce Smith.

Coincidentally, too many children, typically in grades 4 through 12, are essentially illiterate; enough to be a cause for alarm; it might be part of the reason for the decline. In fact, the U.S. Department of Education says “19 percent of high school graduates are functionally illiterate, which means they can’t read well enough to manage daily living and perform tasks required.”

“There seems to be a correlation between historical proficiency, and an over-the-top illiteracy rate. You absorb history mostly by reading, but if you have been lost in the system, it’s nearly impossible to learn the essentials about the past or the present.”

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos issued a statement after NAEP’s results were announced. As she put it: “America’s antiquated approach to education is creating a generation of future leaders who will not have a foundational understanding of what makes this country exceptional. We cannot continue to excuse this problem away. Instead, we need to fundamentally rethink education in America. It is the only way our students will be able to lead our nation and the world.

“The results are stark and inexcusable. A quarter or more of America’s eighth-graders are what NAEP defines as ‘below basic’ in U.S. history, civics and geography. In the real world, this means students don’t know what the Lincoln-Douglas debates were about, nor can they discuss the significance of the Bill of Rights or point out basic locations on a map. And only 15 percent of them have a reasonable knowledge of U.S. history. All Americans should take a moment to think about the concerning implications for the future of our country,” DeVos said.

Smith is co-founder of the Grateful American Book Prize, with the late Dr. Bruce Cole, former chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities. It was created to restore enthusiasm about American history, for kids and adults.

“Our goal has been to entice students to learn about the events and people who have shaped the nation; the best way, outside of a really competent teacher, is to energize authors to think up--captivating fiction and non-fiction--that appeal to adolescents, and stimulates commitments from publishers,” said Smith.

Guest column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear folks,

I have been enjoying sleeping at the foot of Missy’s bed in the nice sunshine the past two days, but today there is no sun as it is raining. I could hear the rain drops against the bathroom fan outlet on the roof as I washed my paws this morning.

What to do today? Then I remembered that Missy brought in her card table and set it up on the living room floor near the couch. Then she took some things out of a box and put them on the table.

I wondered just what those things were and whether they would move around. It seems Missy was getting bored with this staying home business and had her son bring down a puzzle to do. I don’t think she has done one for a long time as I don’t even remember seeing one before in my 17 years here.

The table is up against the couch and I will just jump upon the arm of the couch and then reach up on the table. Yep, those little things move around nicely. Whoops, some of the pieces went on the floor and here comes Missy.

“Gertrude what have you done this time? Oh my goodness, those are my puzzle pieces. Your are to leave them alone.” After that tongue lashing, I guess it means “don’t touch.” I tried to look remiss, but inside I knew I had a lot of fun. Missy sighed and said, “Thank, God I had only put a few pieces together.”

I wandered off into the dining room as Missy went downstairs to do her washing. There I found a piece of string hanging down from the seat of her blue walker. I tugged on it and the walker rolled a little. So, I tugged again and it did the same thing. Finally, I got the string loose when the walker hit the wall and stopped. I took the string into the computer room and put it with all my other trinkets.

Stay safe folks,
Love,
Gertrude



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In Past Pages

5 years ago (May 7, 2015)

Last Friday, the Quabbin Regional High School NJROTC held its annual awards ceremony, change of command and farewell to senior cadets. Cadet ENS Karl Skerry, Class of 2016, replaced his sister, Cadet CDR Kristen Skerry during the change of command ceremony as Commanding Officer. Cadet ENS Sean O’Sullivan (2016) replaced Cadet LCDR Sylvia Borey (2015) as Executive Officer. Cadet MCPO Amy Kady (2016) relieved Cadet MCPO Spencer O’Reily (2015) as Cadet Commander Master Chief.

On April 12 the Worcester County 4-H held their 66th Annual Recognition Awards Banquet. Local Youth from New Braintree and Oakham were presented awards. Tiffany Howe from New Braintree was awarded the Fred Fila Trophy. The Fred Fila Trophy is presented to a Junior or Senior 4-H Exhibitor that has the high point total of hall exhibits other than home economics. Megan Howe from New Braintree was awarded the Audette Cup. The Audette Cup is presented to a 4-H teen that is a hard worker and has overcome significant obstacles to excel in leadership, citizenship, community service and project work. Isabella Howard from Oakham was awarded the Junior Home Economics Trophy. This is presented to a Junior 4-H exhibitor that had the high point total of all home economics entries. Monica Howe from New Braintree was awarded the Trustee Cup. This award is presented to a 4-H teen that excels at leadership and shows exceptional project work and community service.

Army Pvt. Seth B. Pickard has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Benning, Ga. During the nine-week training period, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history, traditions and core values. Pickard is the son of Randy Pickard of Riverside, Calif. and Kim Pickard of Grand Terrace, Calif. and stepson of Cindy Cole of North Brookfield. He graduated in 2012 from Colton High School, Colton, Calif.

10 years ago (May 13, 2010)

The Quabbin Regional Middle School seventh and eighth grade geography students and 12th grade global class recently had the opportunity to participate in a hands-on activity with the largest map of Africa in the United States. Erin Stevens, seventh grade geography teacher at Quabbin Regional Middle School and newly elected member of the Massachusetts Council for Social Studies Board of Directors, planned for one year with the Board of Directors and the National Geographic Society to bring the map to Barre. The map, which is 26 x 35 feet, was created based on a satellite photo of the continent. There is one map of each continent in existence and

LOOK BACK
Quabbin Varsity Cheerleaders - 1987



Turley Publications File Photo

The Quabbin Varsity Cheerleaders recently competed in a divisional cheerleading contest at David Prouty High School in Spencer. The competition was fierce with many schools competing and although they did not win, their performances were quite spectacular.

each map travels around to various schools across the country free of charge. At the Africa program, students played various physical games that utilized the map like using cardinal directions to find places on the map. The students also learned the physical and political features of Africa, about its varying types of landscape and that it is an enormous continent made up of 53 countries. “We also talked about places that are in the news today like Darfur and Somalia,” Stevens added. Eleven-year-old Jake Mielt said, “I learned that Africa’s desert is cold and the desert is so big it can fit the whole U.S. inside it and that the equator has a rain forest.”

Nearly 300 students from 14 area high schools participated in the 28th Annual Regional Exhibition of High School Art, sponsored by Mount Wachusett Community College’s (MWCC) art department. Ten students were presented cash prizes during a recent awards ceremony and more than 50 students received honorable mentions. The exhibit features an array of paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, wall hangings, ceramics and sculptures. Quabbin Regional High School student, Amanda May, was among the top 10 cash award winners and Quabbin students, Brian Ballard, received the MWCC Art Club Award. Quabbin students that received honorable mentions for their artwork included: Brian Ballard, Christopher Starbard, Juliette Pascale, Stephanie Dymek, Alicja Majer and Jessica Berube.

The Quabbin schools/QUEST Team of Hope contributed more than \$75,000 for the Baystate Mary Lane Walk of Champions event held at the Quabbin Reservoir. They include Donna and Frank Hanson of Gilbertville, Mary Jenkins of Petersham, Karen Melanson of Barre, State Sen. Stephen Brewer (D-Barre), Hank Stolz of Hubbardston, Dr. Andy Koerner of Ware, Chris Nosel of Ware, Jayde, Ellowyn and Rohan Campbell of Hubbardston and Kerry Conaghan of Hubbardston.

Team members walked either a two-mile or five-mile route to raise money for the cause.

25 years ago (May 11, 1995)

The Barre Lioness Club met at Grandview Terrace hall on May 2. Following the selection of a Quabbin senior to receive the Dorothy B. Aspen scholarship award and the completion of plans for a raffle table at the Woman’s Club flea market, the annual election of officers was held. Helen Greene was elected president; Charlotte Davis, treasurer; Dr. Richard W. Aspen, secretary; Ernestine Ciccone, vice president; Mamie Roberts, first vice president; Esther Foster, third vice president; Irene Dextradeur, lion tamer and tail twister; Irene March, chairman of the board of directors.

The First Congregational Church of Rutland’s campaign “Make A Joyful Noise” is going strong. The day will start with a worship service at 10 a.m. Bea Stoner will be the guest speaker. She is the “exciting and uplifting person who is guiding the campaign toward success.” During the worship, the witnessing stewards will be commissioned by Rev. Richard Pryce as they begin their day of visiting. The visits to the church members’ homes will start on Celebration Sunday and will continue during the following week.

Children at Ruggles Lane School recently raised \$966.50 in a coin drive to benefit victims of the Oklahoma bombing. The project was sponsored by second-graders, but everyone at the school participated. Helping roll the coins were Christopher Hanks, Bethany Flagg, Andrew Coppolino and Lola Thorng from second grade teacher John Spooner’s class. Grade two teachers said the children experienced the good feeling that comes from giving while learning about math. The check was mailed to the Victim Relief Fund in Oklahoma City and the money will be used

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Letter to The Editor

Reader provides information on contact tracing

I am not involved in the field of medicine, but I feel the need to provide some information about contact tracing, and its value in our current time of the novel coronavirus and COVID-19. As such, I am including information from three sources. Contact tracing has long been used in slowing the spread of tuberculosis and Ebola.

Raúl P. Laborde
Oakham

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/learn-about-the-community-tracing-collaborative>

Why Community Tracing matters

Although social distancing has been proven effective in slowing the spread of the virus, there is more that we can do to take care of each other. With contact tracing in place, we can track the spread and reduce additional exposure to others by encouraging testing, supporting quarantine and social distancing. Many people who have COVID-19 don’t show any symptoms and don’t realize that they may be spreading the virus. So, if you get a call keep your family and friends safe by answering the call. We are all in this together and by sharing information and listening to the direction of the Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC), we can spread the word to stop the virus

<https://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/contact-tracing.pdf>

Contact tracing is finding everyone who comes in direct contact with a sick Ebola patient. Contacts are watched for signs of illness for 21 days from the last day they came in contact with the Ebola patient. If the contact develops a fever or other Ebola symptoms, they are immediately isolated, tested, provided care, and the cycle starts again—all of the new patient’s contacts are found and watched for 21 days. Even one missed contact can keep the outbreak going.

<https://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/contact-tracing>

What is contact tracing and why is it important?

People in close contact with someone who is infected with a virus, such as the Ebola virus, are at higher risk of becoming infected themselves, and of potentially further infecting others.

Closely watching these contacts after exposure to an infected person will help the contacts to get care and treatment, and will prevent further transmission of the virus.

This monitoring process is called contact tracing, which can be broken down into 3 basic steps.

I MISS

I miss so much, so much.
I miss your tender touch.

Your fork into my plate,
Rescheduled special date.

No one umbrella in the rain.
No berth on speeding midnight train.

No bicycle that’s built for two,
Distant wave will have to do.

Uncertainty, it echos, “do not waste.”
We pass when offered just a taste.

Still....I praise the Lord above,
Never have to miss your love.

— Patricia Masten

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This week's mystery photo is from Hubbardston. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, May 11. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Dick Clark and Stephen Craven correctly identified last week's photo. Last week's photo taken at the canoe landing in the Old Furnace section of Hardwick by the Ware River.

Gas price for drops to \$1.99 per gallon

The national average for a gallon of regular gasoline dropped below \$2 per gallon for the first time in four years. National gas price average is \$1.99. Here in Massachusetts the average price today is \$2.09 per gallon, with 40 percent of stations in the state selling self-serve unleaded gas for less than \$2.00. AAA expects gas prices to push cheaper by at least another quarter in April.

The decline is due to COVID-19's chilling effect on the global economy and the crude oil price war between Saudi Arabia and Russia. Crude has plummeted to \$20 a barrel, a closing price not seen since 2002. For the last 52 weeks, crude oil (West Texas Intermediate) has averaged \$56 per barrel with the national pump price average at \$2.63.

"AAA expects gas prices to keep dropping as cheap crude combines with the realities of people are staying home and less demand for gas," said Mary Maguire, AAA northeast director of public and legislative affairs. "While demand is diminishing, COVID-19 is not impacting the U.S. gasoline supply."

In fact, the U.S. has an unusual amount of winter-blend gasoline still available for this time of year. This caused the Environmental Protection Agency

to extend the sale of winter-blend past the May 1 deadline to May 20. The agency said they would continue to monitor and may extend the waiver again.

"The EPA's extension of the winter-blend gasoline waiver will contribute to sustained lower prices, especially as U.S. gasoline demand readings look more like winter-driving season than spring," added Maguire.

AAA forecasts that until crude oil prices and gasoline demand increase, cheaper gas prices are here for the foreseeable future.

For those motorists who are not driving, AAA offers these car care tips for longer-than-expected parked vehicles:

Battery Boost. If possible, use a Battery Tender or other maintenance-type battery charger to keep the battery at a full state of charge and prevent deterioration. The Battery Tender should remain connected to the stored vehicle.

Fuel Stabilizer. If gas is going to sit in the vehicle's tank for more than a few months, particularly gasoline that contains ethanol, AAA recommends using a treatment designed for fuel stabilization such as STA-BIL®. Anyone can do this and it is as simple as fueling up a vehicle. Fill the gas tank to help minimize condensation and drive the car for

five to ten miles to ensure that the stabilized fuel circulates throughout the fuel system.

Tire Pressure. Add 10 psi of pressure to each tire to help prevent flat spots from forming on the tires. This occurs when the area of the tire touching the ground becomes rigid due to sitting in one position for an extended period. You can also move the vehicle periodically.

Windshield Wiper Placement. Prop up the wiper arms so the blades are off the windshield and won't get stuck to the glass.

No Parking Brake. Don't use the parking brake when storing the vehicle. The brake could become frozen, and the brake pads could rust to the rotors, or brake shoes could distort the drums. With an automatic transmission, simply place the vehicle in park. If the car has a manual transmission, put it in first or reverse gear and use wheel chocks to help hold the vehicle in place.

AAA Northeast is a not-for-profit member service organization with 63 offices in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island providing more than 5.7 million local AAA members with roadside assistance, travel, insurance, finance and auto-related services.

Donation covered cost of groceries for seniors and high-risk individuals

Shoppers at the Hannaford Supermarkets store in Townsend, were greeted by a special surprise recently when they discovered an anonymous donor had purchased their groceries.

The individual, who wishes to remain anonymous and is a regular at the Townsend store, donated \$3,000 to cover the cost of groceries for Hannaford customers shopping during the store's designated hours for seniors and those with compromised immune systems.

The donation resulted in free groceries for approximately 60 senior and at-risk customers at the Townsend Hannaford store. Some shoppers who benefitted from the

donation paid it forward by buying gift cards to use towards the grocery purchases of others at the register.

"It was so great to be a part of this morning, which was made possible by a very generous customer. Our associates are working hard to serve the community and were so excited to share the news with customers when they arrived at the register," said Hannaford Supermarkets Director of Operations Dave DeJohn. "This is a small community and this gesture put a smile on so many faces during a difficult time. We thank the donor for this act of kindness and encourage others to follow their lead by showing

appreciation for others whenever possible."

Hannaford stores in Massachusetts offer designated shopping hours for people age 60 and older and individuals with compromised immune systems, including pregnant women and caregivers, daily from 7 to 8 a.m. The special window is designed to provide a less crowded shopping environment and better enable social distancing during the coronavirus global pandemic.

For more information about Hannaford's current store hours and COVID-19 safety precautions and social distancing measures, visit Hannaford.com.

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tions include: calf stretch, hamstring stretch, bent knee hang, sit-ups, leg raises, body raise, reverse pull-up, balance walk and more. Each station features signage describing the exercises recommended for that station, in addition to illustrations depicting the proper technique. The signs also have a "fitness index," showing the health benefits that the exercises can provide. People of all ages and fitness abilities can challenge themselves at these stations.

The trail in itself is an enjoyable hike, even if you are not seeking an invigorating workout. The terrain is easy to moderate, with some rocks and wooden footbridges to navi-

gate. The edges of the trail are lined with trillium, violets and skunk cabbage. Not too far from the start of the trail, a beaver could be seen in the river carrying sticks to the opposite bank. At least 5 different bird varieties could be heard calling, including Eastern phoebes and Northern cardinals. Bald eagles and great blue herons are often seen flying over the river. At times, hand-painted "kindness rocks" can be found dotting the trail, adding an extra incentive for young hikers to keep going.

The Gilbertville Fitness trail provides a fun way to be active, enjoy the outdoors, and connect with the community.

Hand painted kindness rocks often are found along the trail.



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2014, the contract renewal date.

Brad Taylor said this was a good time write a letter to the governor's office on the cable issue.

Selectmen Taylor and Lucy Tessnau concurred on the need for the committee. The members would serve a three-year term and selectmen empowered the committee to talk to the cable provider on behalf of the town. Any negotiations would go through the board of selectmen. Selectmen appointed

Jessica Buzzell to the Cable Access Committee.

Minutes request

Town clerk Chris Mardirosian said she received a request from the State Ethics Commission for board of selectmen minutes dating from Jan. 1, 2019 to present regarding the audit. The town also received a previous request from the Inspector General. Selectman Taylor said the board needed to find out if these requests are just phishing or part of an investigation. If it is part of an investigation, the Inspector General and/or Ethics Commission need to go

through the town's attorney, KP Law.

Labarre said, "He was surprised by this." The audit discovered some minor issues and they were addressed. Selectmen agreed to go through town counsel on this matter.

Police detail policy

Selectman Taylor sent out a draft of a police detail policy to fellow board members. He said he had help with the policy draft from Donald Haapakoski. Selectman chair Steve Labarre said he would like Oakham Police Chief Fred Gehring review the draft before the board sent the draft to KP Law.

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Her mom says fostering provides important life lessons from caring for others to saying goodbye to the kittens when it's time for them to go back to Second Chance so they can find forever homes. Lila's two-year-old brother Callen is doing his part, cuddling with the kittens to provide socialization under the close supervision of mom's watchful eye.

When the kittens are old enough, they will return to Second Chance where vets will clear them for adoption after they are spayed or neutered and vaccinated. The next step is the adoption center in East Brookfield where they will be available for

adoption.

Second Chance is currently working to process all the foster applications that have been submitted by animal lovers looking for a way to help during the COVID-19 crisis. For more information becoming a foster, people may visit secondchanceanimals.org.

Second Chance is a nonprofit 501c3 tax-exempt organization that began in 1999 in East Brookfield and relies solely on donations from grants to operate. The organization operates an adoption center in East Brookfield, Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield, Springfield, and Worcester. Second Chance helps over 40,000 pets a year through adoption, spay/neuter,

veterinary care, community outreach, educational outreach programs, training, and a pet food pantry. For more information, people may visit Second Chance's website at www.secondchanceanimals.org.

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Because conditions have been changing rapidly, please continue to check for updates on the Barre Food Pantry website: <http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm> and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/>.

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Summer leagues now coming into question

Following the closure of spring sports, many summer leagues are being forced to do the same

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – In just a short period of time, the landscape of even summer sports has now changed with a number of baseball leagues cancelling play and others postponed indefinitely while the leagues wait out the “surge.”

But in the case of some very talented athletes, the 2020 baseball season has been completely shuttered.

First, it was the postponement of Major League Baseball along with the complete cancellation of spring sports for the collegiate level. Now, two of the most prominent college leagues have cancelled their seasons for the summer, citing the risks involved for the league as a whole.

The Cape Cod Baseball League and the New England Collegiate Baseball League have cancelled their 2020 campaigns, which were set to start in June. The cancellation leaves no opportunities for teams to play at all in the 2020 season. The summer leagues, like college season were often an additional place for star athletes to get exposure, play against some of the best competition in the country, and receive additional looks for scouts from the major leagues.

The cancellation of baseball has also filtered down to the high school and youth levels as well.

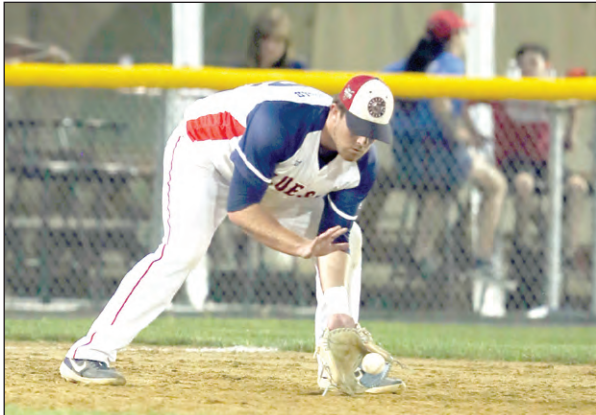
With parks and recreation activities shut down, baseball and softball is shut down at the youth level. Spring sports were cancelled last week at the high school level, and even recreational softball leagues have been completely shut down. There are still some leagues that are hopeful.

Like high school athletic directors, many recreational leagues have begun making shortened schedules or modified schedules that would accommodate play once fields are opened up.

However, as the surge remains present in Massachusetts, it is hard to forecast when play in



Recreational leagues like the Valley Wheel Baseball League and the Quabbin Valley League are all on hold waiting to see if Massachusetts “re-opens.”



College baseball will not be played in the area as the NECBL cancelled its season. The Valley Blue Sox are based in Holyoke.



American Legion baseball is also in danger of being cancelled this summer.



The Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League is still hoping to have its regular season, though it may be delayed.

many leagues will open up.

The Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League is open to holding a modified schedule if needed, but it is also still holding out hope to holding its regular season as scheduled. The season typically starts in the third week of June.

Depending on how the re-opening plan is phased, there is still a possibility of that, or a

better possibility of the season going deeper into the summer.

One league that teenagers were hopeful would not be cancelled is American Legion baseball. However, that may be the case after the chairman of District 3 recommended the season be cancelled. Most area teams, such as Agawam, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Aldenville, and

Monson play in District 3. There are also several Junior Legion teams in the area, with Holyoke set to rejoin the ranks.

The American Legion had cancelled its regional and national tournaments, but there was hope its regular season would take place in areas that were deemed safe from major coronavirus outbreaks. The national

tournament was set to take place late in the summer in North Carolina.

The stay-at-home advisory along with the non-essential business closure remains in effect through May 18. It is not known if the order will be lifted, but a re-opening plan is supposed to be submitted by a committee on that date.

NECBL cancels 2020 season

The Valley Blue Sox play their home games in Holyoke

NORTH ADAMS – The New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL) has announced that its board of directors, comprised of executives from its 13 member teams and officers, have voted to cancel the 2020 summer collegiate baseball season.

This decision was reached after a careful and thoughtful review of the guidance from federal, state and local officials, the leadership of our host communities, and recommendations from the CDC and

medical community. The conclusion was that canceling the 2020 season was necessary for the health, safety and well-being of our players, coaches, umpires, volunteers, fans and host families.

We understand that this decision will result in hardship and disappointment to our student-athletes who have already lost their college spring baseball season. For this reason, it breaks our hearts and runs counter to our competitive instincts and spirit. However, our first priority and obligation must always be the health and well-being of our players and our community. We promise to use this time out, and all of our resources, to make our 2021 season some-

thing truly special for our players, coaches and fans.

We are part of the communities that host our member teams. We encourage our teams, as organizations, individually and working with their volunteers, to support community first responders and their local business sponsors, many of whom are restaurants that are going through difficult financial times. To show our appreciation to our host communities and supporters, we will dedicate Opening Day 2021 in each of our venues to thank, honor and support community organizations and first responders who serve on the front lines of combating COVID-19.

The New England Collegiate

Baseball League is a wooden bat college summer league that fields teams in all six New England states. Partially funded by Major League Baseball, the NECBL started play in 1994 and enjoyed its 25th-year anniversary season last summer. The New England League has sent over 150 alumni to the Major Leagues and has had nearly 100 alumni drafted in each of the last 10 Major League Baseball Drafts.

The Valley Blue Sox are the main local team to Western Massachusetts in the NECBL. The Blue Sox have won two league championship in 2017 and 2018, and were in the semifinal round in 2019.

Sign-ups on hold for Quabbin League

REGION – The Quabbin Valley Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for 2020 season. The league has six teams, several with open roster spots. Last year, the league voted to allow players age 28 and 29 to be able to join the league, though players under 30 are not eligible to pitch. The cost of the league this season is \$192. For returning and new players, sign-ups have been placed on hold until a determination has been made on the season going forward. The league is hopefully

to begin play sometime in June or July. The season is 15 regular season games plus at least one playoff game

. A modified schedule is being worked on by league officials. Games are nine innings and metal (BBCOR -3) or wood bats are allowed. Fields locations are throughout Western Mass.

For more information on the league, or if you are interested in registering, go to <https://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org/>. The league is also in Facebook.

Valley Wheel Baseball still looking for new players

REGION – The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for the upcoming 2020 season. The league is seeking players ages 28 and up. P

layers turning 28 this year are eligible. However, only players 30 and older can pitch. The league plays 15 regular season games with games being held mostly on Sundays with a couple of weekday games thrown in the mix as well as a special Mother's Day Saturday game in early May.

However, due to the current circumstances, the league schedule has been pushed back. The league still

plans to play its season once bans on gatherings are lifted. The league is built on comradery, fair play, and having a good time with friends. If interested in trying out, go to www.valleywheelbaseball.com. The rules of the league and new player forms can be found on the site.

For further information, you can contact the league's commissioner, Jim Nason at wheel12@comcast.net or call him at (413) 433-4308. Tryouts will be take place as soon as conditions are allowed, but new player applications are still being accepted.

T-Birds Foundation announces fundraising drive

SPRINGFIELD – Today, the Springfield Thunderbirds Foundation announced the start of its “From the Heart” campaign, which will feed essential workers at non-profits, medical facilities, and public safety organizations over the coming ten weeks. The campaign kicked off today with monetary donations of \$500 to both the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts and Holyoke Medical Center. Holyoke Medical Center will use the funds to purchase food for its medical staff.

“We are excited to announce

our ‘From the Heart’ campaign and we are honored to support our first two recipients. Food insecurity during this time is a serious issue and the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts is leading the charge to combat this across the region. Holyoke Medical Center has also stepped up in a big way for the residents of Holyoke and has gone the extra mile in treating our Vets in the Holyoke Soldier's Home. We are truly grateful for all these two organizations are doing for our community,” said Nathan Costa,

President of the Springfield Thunderbirds.

The announcement of the “From the Heart” campaign comes on the heels of successful food deliveries to Mercy and Baystate Medical Centers in mid-April. Stephen Cincotta, a member of the Thunderbird's local ownership group, saw the impact these donations had on frontline medical staff and reached out to the T-Birds Foundation with a generous donation to extend the program to other organizations in western Massachusetts.

“When I saw the reaction of the doctors, nurses, and other hospital staff to the food deliveries and their pictures with Boomer, I knew we could be doing more to spread a little joy and good will to others on the front lines of this pandemic. I am proud to support the work of the T-Bird's Foundation and grateful to the men and women who are working every day to keep us same from harm,” said Cincotta, President and CEO of Clinical Research

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Church News

Local pastors offer sermons

Note: The Barre Gazette staff reached out to area churches if they would provide sermons during the Coronavirus pandemic. Any pastor, priest or rabbi wishing to participate may email either barrenews@turley.com or edowner@turley.com.

“They Broke Bread and had Fellowship in their homes”

Scripture Reading: Acts 2: 42-47

42. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

44. All who believed were together and had all things in common;

45. they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

46. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts,

47. praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

I. Introduction:

It seems so appropriate to have this passage in the Book of Acts as our scripture reading this morning. We see how Luke describes the new community of believers worshipping and praying in their homes... and here we are at our homes, finding new ways to worship and come together as a congregation. Maybe this morning we can learn a few insights from this early church community that will inspire and bless us as we are hunkered down during this pandemic.

II. A small group of Jesus followers becoming a growing church community:

In the first few chapters of the Book of Acts, Luke describes the development of a small group of twelve humble disciples, finding their way from being followers of the earthly Christ, to becoming powerful and courageous leaders, apostles, and preachers. We see them encouraging and strengthening this newly formed church community and proclaiming the gospel to the crowds around them. We see the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon them all on The Day of Pentecost, and we see them grow from a small community into a congregation of three thousand people... and now we are taken into the intimate lives of those followers of Christ in their homes.

This new community of faith would be described by many as the “Early Church” in Christian history. They were a powerful group of people who experienced the extraordinary power and work of the Holy Spirit in and through them.

III. Many were in awe of this spirit-filled community of faith

The Book of Acts gives us a clear, concise summary of who this new community of believers were. They consisted of local Jewish people from the Jerusalem area, as well as those who traveled with Jesus from Galilee and other places. They were devoted to the teachings of the Apostles, hungry to learn about their experiences with this Jesus who inspired them so much.

They were also bound together in fellowship in their homes, and with those in their immediate communities. Luke beautifully captures the ongoing praise and worship that took place in the homes of these believers. They learned from and supported one another, and broke bread together in their homes, while remembering the Last Supper of Christ with His disciples. And lastly, they devoted themselves to a life of prayer, in everything they did, planned and hoped for.

Many were in awe of this newly formed faith community whose members were loving and compassionate and understood the needs of their communities and responded generously to the poor. They sold their possessions and distributed the income among those in need, especially the Galileans and other foreigners who followed Jesus into Jerusalem, as well as those Jewish families who returned from their journeys elsewhere. We also read about many Jerusalem believers with means who sold their belongings like houses and land and gave to the poor and needy. We see here a community of faith with a deep spiritual commitment to God and a deep love and care for those in need. It was, therefore, no surprise

that many would be drawn to them.

This new community clearly did not do all these things through their own power but were filled with the Holy Spirit who transformed and inspired them to love and do good in incredibly special ways. New Testament scholar, Eckard Schnabel describes it as their “reckoning with the power of God.” Schnabel further explains that a community of faith grows where the Gospel is proclaimed, where there is love and fellowship among one another, and where the power of God is at work through prayer and worship. It is indeed true of this community of faith here in Acts. Those who joined them were curious about the scriptures, and they wanted to pray like them. They wanted to experience this power of God in their own lives.

IV. Conclusion: The work of God in all of us, and in our congregation

Luke’s account of these home churches reminds me of the spiritual gatherings in my hometown in South Africa, in my young life at sixteen years old, when I observed the powerful work of the Holy Spirit in and among those around me. I too was in awe by what I witnessed and wanted what they had. I innocently invited the Holy Spirit into my own life, and did not anticipate how the power of God would drive me into a seminary to become the first woman to eventually qualify for ordination in my church, and how I would go out into the world, away from my own family and country, traveling the world doing ministry in peace and reconciliation. Through the guidance of my seminary professors and pastoral leaders and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, my understanding of church ministry was shaped in remarkable ways, and it is that same power of God that led me to where I now find myself as your pastor.

I have learned so much from you here at Barre Congregational Church, as well. I have been part of you and all you do for quite some time now. It has been an extraordinary experience for me, and there is still much to learn.

It is therefore my prayer that we will reflect on these lessons from the early church, their devotion to the Apostolic teachings, their fellowship, the breaking of the bread, their prayer life and compassionate service to those in need. Let us ask ourselves the question: what more, Lord do you need from me, from us? What are you happy about? What else is missing? This is an incredible time in our lives today, during this pandemic, where we are home bound, where we can make the time to be a home church with our families, where we can reflect on our relationship with God, our loved ones and our congregation.

May God bless us in these reflections and may we grow spiritually, in love, kindness and generosity, so others will be in awe and curious to see what is going on at our church!

May God bless and keep us all safe. Amen

Pastor Margaret Keyser
Barre Congregational Church

The Beatitudes Pt. 2

Do you desire a life that is characterized by an abiding spiritual happiness? Do you desire a life that is favored by God for both time and eternity? Do you long for a form of living that He identifies as esteemed and enviable? Then take note of the following teaching of Christ (commonly referred to as the Beatitudes):

Matthew 5:3-12 (NIV)

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Herein, the Lord pinpoints the

type of life that is pleasing before Him. In other words, Christ has established for all generations that manner of living we are to practice. Of course, this noble pursuit requires some understanding of the traits He exalts. For instance, what does it mean to be “poor in spirit” or to “mourn”? These are great questions that we will begin to explore in this week’s edition.

Firstly, what does it mean to be “poor in spirit”?

Simply stated, to be poor in spirit is to recognize your spiritual bankruptcy before God. It is admitting that - because of your sinfulness - you are completely destitute and can do nothing to deliver yourself from such a dire condition. Of course, many people believe they will merit a place in heaven based upon their own goodness. Such an attitude of the heart could not be further from the truth.

Perhaps, like me, you learn best by example. Let’s consider a classic parable (i.e., a short story meant to convey an eternal truth) offered by Jesus on this matter.

Luke 18:9-14

9 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: 10 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

13 “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

14 “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

This parable presents two figures: a Pharisee and a tax collector. It is worth noting that Pharisees were the religious elite of their time, regarded and respected by the masses. Tax collectors, on the other hand, were scorned as the worst of sinners.

Take note of their prayers.

The prayer of the Pharisee (vs. 11-12) was an ode to self! He spent his time celebrating his accomplishments - offering God a laundry list of how wonderful he was. In the midst of prayer, he even confessed his superiority over his peers, thanking God that he was “not like other people” - you know, sinners.

Does this sound like poverty of spirit to you? Does this sound like a man who recognized his spiritual bankruptcy and utter inability? Absolutely not, these words are the manifestation of an inner pride. In the end, things did not go well for the Pharisee in terms of his relationship with God (v. 14a). His example should serve as a cautionary tale.

However, the tax collector - this rank and depraved man despised by all - assumed a different posture. Notice that he wouldn’t even look up to heaven. The only position he could take before the Lord was one of humility, appealing to God for divine mercy (v. 13b).

Does this sound like poverty of spirit to you? Does this sound like a man who recognized his spiritual bankruptcy before God? Absolutely. In the end, this attitude of heart proved beneficial for the tax collector, in that he went home “justified” (i.e., pardoned) before God (v. 14).

To what degree are you trusting in your own goodness? Do you deem yourself better than others? I would caution you from such a path, as it yields a terrible end-result. Humble yourself before the Lord and allow Him to cultivate within you a poverty of spirit. Such a one will find entrance into His kingdom, per the promise of Christ (cf. Matt. 5:3).

Secondly, what does it mean to mourn? What did Jesus mean with His comments that those who “mourn” are truly blessed (Matt. 5:4)?

I enjoy the following excerpt from a trusted author: “The term mourn means to express deep grief. In keeping with His theme of spiritual blessedness, Jesus seems to indicate that this mourning is due to grief over sin.” Thus, Matthew 5:4 is meant to complement or elaborate upon what is presented in verse 3.

Let me put this another way. Poverty of spirit is the intellectual recognition that you are sinful. Being mournful is the emotional response or feeling of sorrow that comes from recognizing your way-

Curtis W. Condikey, 46

CLINTON – Curtis W. Condikey, 46, passed away unexpectedly on April 24, 2020 at a friend’s home in Gardner. Born Curtis W. Douglas on Sept. 7, 1973 in Worcester, Curtis was the son of Brian J. and Mary Lou (Ellsworth) Condikey.

Curtis graduated from Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School in 1992 where he majored in carpentry. After stints as a machinist at Martin Tool in Hubbardston and Norton Co. in Worcester, he joined Hi-Tek Balancing in Lunenburg where he became shop foreman. There Curtis developed his talent for balancing high speed rotating objects, including critical parts for military helicopters and U.S. Naval warships. Hi-Tek’s customers greatly valued Curt’s technical skills and his ability to meet their complex needs. Their frequent praise of his efforts made him a respected key employee by the company president.

Curt had a big heart and will be remembered as a modern-day Sir Galahad, protective of women in general and particularly his sister Meridith and his daughter Ava. He was a master storyteller, having learned to spin a yarn at his Grampa Ellsworth’s kitchen table where family and friends would gather to hear embellishments on the one that got away. Curt’s tales grew taller with each retelling, as every fish he caught and deer he



saw seemed bigger than the last. Curt was an avid fisherman and could invariably catch fish in both fresh and saltwater. His angling success continued in January 2020 when he landed two swordfish deep-sea fishing off the Florida Keys.

From an early age Curt enjoyed the freedom and exhilaration of riding, including bicycles, snowmobiles, boats, four-wheelers, cars, and trucks. He recently acquired a Harley motorcycle, but never got the chance to ride it. Curtis loved animals and was particularly fond of Golden Retrievers, including his late retriever Dallas, a.k.a. “D-Dog.”

Above all else, he loved his daughter Ava, who was the apple of his eye and the center of his life. Curtis was predeceased by his grandparents William W. “Lorenzo” and Marion L. “Lou” (Bassett) Ellsworth Sr.; Dr. George F. and Eileen R. (Rowe) Condikey and Ralph C. and Barbara L. (Abare) Tangley.

Curt is survived by his daughter Ava G. Condikey (Irvine CA);

his parents Brian J. and Mary Lou (Ellsworth) Condikey (Granbury TX); his biological father Ralph “Doug” and Linda (Cullen) Douglas (Hayden ID); his sister Meridith B. Young and partner John J. “Fig” Neri (Barre); his brother Patrick A. and Jennifer Harrington (Olympia WA); aunts and uncles William W. Ellsworth Jr. (Orange); John E. and Harriet Ellsworth (Barre MA); Brenda R. DiPietro (Columbus OH); and Linda L. and Gerard Lozier (Athol); cousins Jeanette A. and Martin Schnell (Panguipuli, Chile); Thomas J. and Emma Ellsworth (Orange); Sasha M. and David Dyer (Barre); Brianna L. and Thomas Skowyr (Hardwick); Thomas M. Waid (Westerville OH); Jennifer L. and Daniel Fontaine (Barre); and Christine and Todd Duprey (Athol) and nieces and nephews Emily R. Young (Barre) and Emmett and Summer Harrington (Olympia WA).

A celebration of life will be held when travel is possible, probably in the fall. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Curtis W. Condikey Memorial Trust for the exclusive benefit of his daughter Ava. c/o Athol Savings Bank, P.O. Box 908, Barre MA 01005. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre MA (www.PillsburyFuneralHome.com).

DEATH NOTICES

Condikey, Curtis
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Johnstone, Roselind M.
(Trainer)
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Funeral Service will be private
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Roselind May (Trainer) Johnstone, 89

BARRE — Roselind May (Trainer) Johnstone, 89, passed away peacefully on April 30, 2020. She was born on May 26, 1930 in Dundee, Scotland, to the late Bridget Devine and Andrew Trainer of Dundee Scotland.

She is survived by her daughter, Pauline Hale and her husband, Irving, with whom she lived; her sons, Michael Johnstone of North Arlington, N.J.; John Johnstone and his wife Carol of Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada and daughter-in-law, Mary Johnstone of Toms River, N.J.

Roselind is preceded in death by her daughter Roselind Ryder and her husband Michael Ryder and son Francis Johnstone.

Roselind also leaves an extended family of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Roselind will always be remembered and deeply missed by her loved ones.

Funeral service will be private for the family in St. Josephs Cemetery in Barre. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre.

wardness and the pain that it has caused God and your fellow man.

Once again, the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector noted above exemplifies this profoundly. The Pharisee of Luke 18 had no awareness of His need for God, and therefore felt no remorse for his sinfulness. The tax collector, however, was acutely aware of the wrongs he had committed and felt a corresponding sense of guilt for what he had done. Can you not feel his burden in the following passage?

Luke 18:13

13 . . . the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

What did this man receive due to his poverty of spirit and sorrowful heart? The mercy of God. His burden was lifted, and he came to know the comfort that God alone can give to the troubled heart. This corresponds beautifully to the promise of Christ in Matthew 5:4!

Matthew 5:4

4 Blessed are those who mourn [for their sin], for they will be comforted.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not add the following. As I read this portion of Scripture, I can’t help but feel there is some promise of comfort for His children in moments of deep sorrow over life’s circumstances. Though I am convinced that mourning for sin is the driving theme of this passage, it cannot be denied that God is an agent of comfort to the brokenhearted.

Psalm 34:18-19

18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

19 The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all . . .

Receive His comfort today and lean on Him. He is still the One who carries you in the midst of tragedy and loss.

We will continue to explore the Beatitudes in next week’s publication. Until then, please feel free to check us out online at www.NewLifeBarre.org and may the Lord bless you all.

Pastor James Foley
New Life Assembly of God, South Barre

Cornerstone Bank makes donations to local organizations

WORCESTER – During these unprecedented times, Cornerstone Bank is making donations to help local organizations with the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. As a local, community bank, supporting the community is a top priority.

A \$15,000 donation was made to Harrington Healthcare System. This donation will be used to aid in the purchasing of personal protective equipment for front line staff. For more information about Harrington, ways people can help, and important information about COVID-19, they may visit <https://www.harringtonhospital.org/>.

A \$5,000 donation was made to the Worcester Railers HC Small Business Stimulus Power Play. This donation will be used to purchase gift certificates to local businesses throughout Central Massachusetts.

These gift certificates will then be given away to fans at Railers Hockey games during the 2020-2021 season. For more information, and to nominate a Central Massachusetts small business, people may visit <https://railershc.com/>.

A \$2,000 donation was made to St. John Paul II food pantry. This donation was matched by the Tri-Community Exchange Club and will provide extra funds at a time when the food pantry is seeing an increase of people in need. For more information on the St. John Paul II food pantry and ways that people can help, they may visit <https://stjp2parish.org/food-pantry>.

“It is during these times that local organizations need our help the most,” stated Cornerstone Bank President and Treasurer and Chairman of the Bank’s Charitable Donations Committee Todd M. Tallman.

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Barre Police Log

Sunday, April 12 11:02 a.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abadoned/Silent South Street - Officer Spoke to Party 3:57 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint Chapman Road - Gone On Arrival 8:22 p.m. Unattended Death Peach Street - Investigated	Abandoned/Silent Allen Hill Road - Confirmed Misdial 7:45 p.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Hubbardston Road - Negative Contact	6:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop West Street - Arrest(s) Made Arrest: Joel R. Fontanez, 39, Indian Orchard OUI-Liquor or .08%, 2nd Offense; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Unlicensed Operation fo Motor Vehicle; Marked Lanes Violation 6:36 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency South Street - Transported to Hospital
Monday, April 13 8:46 a.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abadoned/Silent Allen Hill Road Tower - Dispatch Handled	Saturday, April 18 1:39 a.m. Fire, Mutual Aid Ambulance Hardwick - Unable to Serve 6:20 a.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Hubbardston Road - No Action Required 1:24 p.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Hinkley Road - Confirmed Misdial 2:26 p.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Summer Street - Confirmed Misdial	Thursday, April 23 6:53 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency North Brookfield Road - No Fire Service Necessary 8:36 p.m. Alarm, Commercial Summer Street - Officer Spoke to Party 11:01 p.m. Fire, Illegal Burn North Brookfield Road - Fire Extinguished
Tuesday, April 14 12:28 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Nichols Road - Transported to Hospital 11:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Hit and Run Common Street - Criminal Complaint Summons: Derrian L. Regan, 26, Pascoag, RI Leave Scene of Personal Injury; Leave Scene of Property Damage; License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Unregistered Motor Vehicle; Stop/Yield, Fail To 3:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious Oakham Road - Gone On Arrival 6 p.m. Alarm Commercial Pleasant Street - Building Checked/ Secured 7:55 p.m. Neighbor Dispute Park Street - Officer Spoke to Party 11:23 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Pleasant Street - Ambulance Signed Refusal	Sunday, April 19 12:34 p.m. Gunshots Wheelwright Road - Unfounded 2:27 p.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Rockingstone Road - Information Taken 3:09 p.m. Fire, CO Alarm with Illness Britton Road West - Investigated 4:\$6 p.m. Suspicious Person North Brookfield Road - Officer Spoke to Party 7:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Personal Injury Spring Hill Road - Vehicle Towed Summons: Robert C. Perkins, 32, Barre License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Possess Open Container Of; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Leave Scene of Property Damage	Friday, April 24 8:18 p.m. Trespassing Racoon Hill Road - Officer Took Call 9:10 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Gauthier Road - Transported to Hospital
Wednesday, April 15 1:03 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Wilton Street - TrBaansported to Hospital 3:02 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Worcester Road - Transported to Hospital	Monday, April 20 1:15 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint Clem Court - Officer Spoke to Party 3:17 p.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Old Coach Road - Confirmed Misdial 4:47 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complint South Barre Road - Investigated	Saturday, April 25 12:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Summer Street - Arrest(s) Made Arrest: Brian M. Fay, 41, South Barre OUI-Liquor or .08%, 2nd Offense; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Marked Lanes Violation 6:51 a.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Hubbardston Road - Confirmed Misdial 6:54 p.m. Fire, Autmatic Fire Alarm Town Farm Road - Investigated
Thursday, April 16 3:13 a.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abadoned/Silent Peach Street - Confirme Misdial 4:38 a.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Peach Street - Officer Spoke to Party 1:24 p.m. Suspicious Person Williamsville Road - Unfounded 3:19 p.m. Fire, Structure Summer Street - Fire Extinguished 6:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Hit and Run West Street - Unfounded	Tuesday, April 21 5:18 a.m. Fire, Automatic Fire Alarm Summer Street - Fire Extinguished 10:13 a.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Wauwinet Road - Information Taken	Friday, April 24 7:09 a.m. Fraud South Street - Officer Advised
Friday, April 17 2:03 p.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/	Wednesday, April 22 3:17 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency South Street - Transported to Hospital	SOUTH BARRE
		Tuesday, April 14 4:48 p.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent North Brookfield Road - Confirmed Misdial
		Thursday, April 16 7:09 a.m. Fraud South Street - Officer Advised
		Sunday, April 19 2:45 p.m. Harassment Main Street - Officer Spoke to Party
		Sunday, April 26 1:19 a.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent North Brookfield Road - Services Rendered

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, April 12 12:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accide tn Hit and Run Main Street - Officer Spoke to Party 2:41 p.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Unknown - Services Rendered 6:08 p.m. Be On The Lookout Notification East County Road - Located/Found	Woodside Avenue - No Police Service Necessary	9:25 a.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Brunelle Drive - Information Taken
Monday, April 13 12:39 p.m. Fire, Arcing Wires Campbell Street - No Fire Service Necessary 2:45 p.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Main Street - Information Taken	Friday, April 17 2:41 p.m. Harassment Maple Avenue - Investigated 2:43 p.m. Suspicious Activity Woodside Avenue - Officer Spoke to Party 3:41 p.m. Animal, Emergency Call Barre Paxton Road - Services Rendered 5:23 p.m. Alarm, Commercial Glenwood Road - Investigated 5:38 p.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Crawford Road - Confirmed Misdial	Tuesday 1:24 p.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Prospect Street - Confirmed Misdial
Tuesday, April 14 9:27 a.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Miles Road - Information Taken 11:39 a.m. Suspicious Activity Turkey Hill Road - Officer Spoke to Party 4:28 p.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Crawford Road - Confirmed Misdial 4:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled Main Street - Removed Hazard 4:43 p.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Crawford Road - Confirmed Misdial 6:46 p.m. Suspicious Activity Emerald Road - Area Patrolled	Saturday, April 18 1:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Barre Paxton Road - Report Filed	Wednesday, April 22 5:39 p.m. Suspicious Activity Maple Avenue - Sensitive Information 7:54 p.m. Property Dispute Sassawanna Road - Officer Took Call
Wednesday, April 15 3:03 a.m. Fire, Structure Prospect Street - Fire Extinguished 10:14 a.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Turkey Hill Road - Information Taken 3 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency East County Road - Services Rendered	Sunday, April 19 1:54 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Main Street - Transported to Hospital 8:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Barre Paxton Road - Transported to Hospital 9:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Theft Maple Avenue - Property Returned 11 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Warren Rhode Island - Information Given 11:17 a.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent - Michael Drive - Information Taken 11:47 a.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Campbell Tower - Information Taken 3:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Hit and Run - Investigation Ongoing 3:54 p.m. Suspicious Activity Maple Avenue - Information Taken 4:35 p.m. 911 - Hang-up/ Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Rte. 68 - Information taken 4:54 p.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abanoned/Silent Campbell Street - Information Taken 5:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Erratic East County Road - Investigated 6:02 p.m. Larceny Crawford Road - Report Filed	Thursday, April 23 10:16 a.m. Suspicious Activity Walnut Street - Investigated 11:16 a.m. Fraud East County Road - Report Filed
Thursday, April 16 9:47 a.m. Fraud Main Street - Officer Spoke to Party 11:13 a.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Prouty Lane - Information Taken 2 p.m. Neighbor Dispute		Friday, April 24 1:11 a.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent - No Action Required 3:13 a.m. Suspicious Activity Maple Avenue - Unfounded 1:55 p.m. Welfare Check Inwood Road - Located/Found 4:15 p.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Unknown - Services Rendered 5:28 p.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Clealand Circle - Confirmed Misdial 9:11 p.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Peters Avenue - Negative COn tact 10:26 p.m. 911 - Transfer Irish Lane - Call Transferred 10:32 p.m. 911 - Transfer Irish Lane - Call Transferred 10:52 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency - Forbes Road - Transported to Hospital 11:14 p.m. Disturbance, Noice Complaint Peters Avenue - Peace Restored 11:39 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Sedona Circle - Referred to Other Agency

New Braintree Police Log

Monday, April 27 11:09 a.m. Phone – Harassment Ware Road – Spoken To 12:07 p.m. Phone – Animal Call West Brookfield Road – Taken/ Referred to Other Agency	Wednesday, April 29 7:50 a.m. 911 – Elevator Call/ Alarms Memorial Drive – Dispatch Handled 7:33 p.m. Initiated – Complaint/ Motor Vehicle Operations Hardwick Road – Negative Contact	4:11 p.m. 911 – Harassment West Road – Merge
Tuesday, April 28 2:22 p.m. Phone – Animal Call Hardwick Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency	Thursday, April 30 3:52 p.m. 911 – Harassment Padre Road – Services Rendered	Saturday, May 2 7:51 a.m. Phone – Harassment Padre Road – Spoken To
		Sunday, May 3 7:40 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Moore Road – Transported to Hospital

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, April 12 11:22 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Barre Road - Referred to Other Agency	Saturday, April 18 5:54 p.m. 911 - Transfer Spencer - Call Transferred 7:01 p.m. Fraud Tomlinson Road - Officer Spoke to Party 9:43 p.m. Property Dispiute Edson Road - Officer Took Call	Tuesday, April 21 8:09 a.m. Fire, Automatic Alarm Ware Corner Road - Investigated
Monday, April 13 9:14 p.m. Fire, CO Alarm with Illness Bechan Road - Services Rendered	Sunday, April 19 10:13 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Bechan Road - Referred to Other Agency	Wednesday, April 22 7:49 a.m. Alarm, Commercial Old Turnpike Road - False/Accidental/ Defective Alarm
Tuesday, April 14 4:21 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Hunt Road - Transported to Hospital	Monday, April 20 11:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road - Criminal Complaint Summons: Maura L. Healy, 27, Oakham Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Registration Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Unregistered Motor Vehicle	Thursday, April 23 8:23 a.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent North Brookfield Road - Information Taken
Thursday, April 16 1:48 a.m. Harassment Tomlinson Road - Officer Spoke to Party		Friday, April 24 10:40 a.m. Illegal Dumping Lincoln Road - Investigated
Friday, April 17 2:51 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Old Turnpike Road - Referred to Other Agency		Saturday, April 25 2:09 p.m. Missing Person Worcester Road - Located/Found

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, April 12 2:19 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Madison Way - Ambulance Signed Refusal	9:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Theft Williamsville Road - Investigated 10:56 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Williamsville Road - Transported to Hospital 1:19 p.m. Gunshots Pitcherville Road - Unfounded 3:40 p.m. Suspicious Activity Old Westminster Road - Information Taken	2:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Dogwood North Road - Report Filed 5:32 p.m. Fraud Hale Road - Officer Spoke to Party 7:32 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Hale Road - Public Assist
Monday, April 13 10:57 a.m. Alarm, Residential New Westminster Road - Building Checked/Secured	Saturday, April 18 12:29 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Lombard Road - Public Assist	Tuesday, April 21 6:31 a.m. Assault Burnshirt Road - Investigated 12:10 p.m. Threats Adams Road - Report Filed
Tuesday, April 14 8:22 a.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Madison Way - Confirmed Misdial 11:45 a.m. Assist Other Police Department Barre Road - Criminal Complaint Summons: Derrian L. Regan, 26, Pascoag, RI License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Unregistered Motor Vehicle; Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit	Sunday, April 19 2:06 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint Pitcherville Road - Citation Issued 5:33 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Gardner Road - Services Rendered 7:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road - Citation Issued 9:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road - Vehicle Towed Summons: Philip E. Pond, 23, Hubbardston Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Registration Revoked, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Number Plate Violation - Attaching Plates	Wednesday, April 22 4:09 p.m. Suspicious Person Healdville Road - Services Rendered 5:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Old Westminster Road - Investigated
Wednesday, April 14s 10:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Personal Injury Gardner Road - Report Filed 2:26 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Morgan Road - Transported to Hospital 2:32 p.m. Property Damage Main Street - Report Filed 7:18 p.m. Fire, Brush Old Westminster Road - Investigated	Monday, April 20 12:50 p.m. Fire, Water Resuce Incident Gardner Road - Transported to Hospital 1:47 p.m. Trespassing Gardner Road - Officer Spoke to Party	Friday, April 24 9:22 a.m. Fraud Geordie Lane - Officer Spoke to Party 9:56 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Healdville Road - Transported to Hospital 3:01 p.m. 911 - Hang-up/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent Morgan Road - Confirmed Misdial 3:25 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Old Boston Turnpike - No Fire Service Necessary
Thursday, April 16 7:48 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint Old Westminster Road - Area Patrolled		Saturday, April 25 2:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road - Arrest(s) Made
		Sunday, April 26 12:56 a.m. Gunshots Old Boston Turnpike - Area Search Negative

Petersham Police Log

Wednesday, April 1 11:11 a.m. 911 Misdial Maple Lane – Spoken To 8:32 p.m. Suspicious Activity North Main Street – Report Taken 10:14 p.m. Suspicious Activity Monson Turnpike Street – Services Rendered	Friday, April 10 6:29 p.m. Medical Emergency West Street – Transported to Hospital	North Main Street – Investigated
Thursday, April 2 9:35 a.m. Medical Emergency Old East Street – Services Rendered 10:16 a.m. Assist Other Agency Old East Street – Taken/Referred to Other Agency 11:03 a.m. Medical Emergency Old East Street – Spoken To 11:20 a.m. Medical Emergency Old East Street – Transported to Hospital 4:19 p.m. 911 – Misdial New Athol Road – Officer Handled	Sunday, April 12 3 a.m. Burglary (Breaking and Entering) East Street – Investigated 8:10 p.m. Burglary (Breaking and Entering) Nichewaug Road – Report Taken	Friday, April 17 5:28 p.m. Animal Call New Salem Road – Services Rendered
Friday, April 3 11:55 a.m. Complaint Shaw Road – Report Taken 3:05 p.m. Parking Complaint Rte. 122 – Services Rendered	Monday, April 13 9:30 a.m. 911/Hang-up Call North Main Street – Investigated 1:24 p.m. Safety Hazard Popple Camp Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency 5:05 p.m. Alarm Common Street – Spoken To 6:22 p.m. Safety Hazard New Salem Road – Investigated	Monday, April 20 11 a.m. Safety Hazard Nichewaug Road – Services Rendered 6:30 p.m. Medical Emergency South Street – Transported to Hospital
Sunday, April 5 11:12 p.m. Animal Call Flat Rock Road – Negative Contact	Tuesday, April 14 9:57 a.m. Safety Hazard New Salem Road – Services Rendered 2:19 p.m. Investigation Popple Camp Road – Investigated 11:35 p.m. Disabled Motor Vehicle Monson Turnpike Road – Transferred Call to C1	Tuesday, April 21 6:48 a.m. Medical Emergency East Street – Services Rendered 9:33 a.m. Medical Emergency South Street – Transported to Hospital
Wednesday, April 8 12:47 p.m. Suspicious Activity Nichewaug Road – Negative Contact 6 p.m. Complaint Nelson Road – Transferred Call to C1	Wednesday, April 15 10 a.m. Investigation North Main Street – Services Rendered	Wednesday, April 22 4:19 p.m. Medical Emergency East Street – Transported to Hospital
Thursday, April 9 8:04 a.m. Medical Emergency West Street – Transported to Hospital	Thursday, April 16 5:36 a.m. Safety Hazard Glen Valley Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency 3:07 p.m. Investigation Spring Street – Officer Handled 6:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident	Thursday, April 23 2:16 p.m. Vandalism East Street – Investigated 3:27 p.m. Medical Emergency East Street – Transported to Hospital

Hardwick Police Log

Monday, April 27 8:22 a.m. 911 – Elevator Call/ Alarms Old Petersham Road – Dispatch Handled	Wednesday, April 29 12:52 p.m. Phone – Animal Call North Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency 4:47 p.m. 911 – Lockout Church Lane – Services Rendered	Saturday, May 2 9:37 a.m. 911 – Suspicious Activity Upper Church Street – Negative Contact 10:01 p.m. 911 – Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations Pine Street – Negative Contact
Tuesday, April 28 7:43 a.m. Phone – Burglary (Breaking and Entering) Rte. 32A – Investigated 9:26 a.m. 911 – Elevator Call/ Alarms Old Petersham Road – Dispatch Handled 1:51 p.m. 911 – Carbon Monoxide Alarm Main Street – Services Rendered 4:34 p.m. 911 – Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations Broad Street – Spoken To 6:21 p.m. 911 – Misdial Jackson Road – Could Not Locate	Thursday, April 30 12:33 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Citation Issued 11:56 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Birch Street – Transported to Hospital	Sunday, May 3 12:15 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Barre Road – Transported to Hospital 2:24 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Main Street – Transported to Hospital 3:38 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Delargy Road – Services Rendered
	Friday, May 1 1:45 a.m. Phone – Alarm Ridge Road – Checked/Secured 4:24 p.m. Phone – Alarm Main Street – Building Checked/Secured	Monday, May 4 1:10 a.m. 911 – Fire, Alarm Miner Road – Services Rendered

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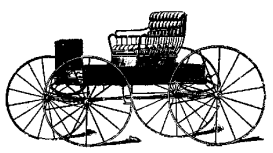
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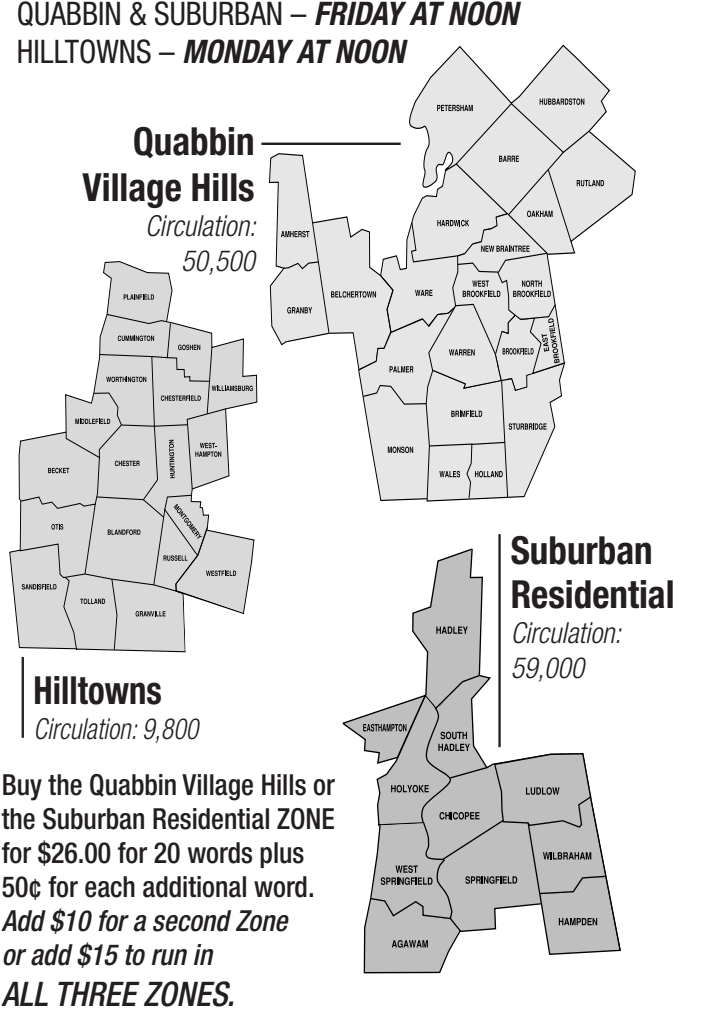
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